

CABINET FEARS FOR THE LIVES OF AMERICANS NEAR TAMPIO

Rebels Destroy Waterworks at
Oil Port and Supply Is
Cut Off, Preparatory to As-
sault on City.

Report From Consul Simplich
Says Carranza Has Reaf-
firmed His Determination All
Foreigners Be Protected.

Apprehension again is felt in Ad-
ministration circles for the safety of
Americans and foreigners at Tampico,
Mexico. According to a wireless dis-
patch from Rear Admiral Fletcher laid
before the Cabinet today, the consti-
tutionalists have destroyed the water-
works supplying the oil port.

Anticipating an early engagement, an
international fleet, composed of United
States, English, French, German and
Spanish war vessels, is gathering off
Tampico.

Secretary Bryan told the Cabinet that
he had received a message from Consul
Simplich, reporting a conversation
which the latter had with General Car-
ranza, "first chief" of the constitu-
tionalists, at Nogales. The constitu-
tionalist commander again assured him
that he had ordered his generals to
afford every protection to foreigners
in rebel territory.

Forced Loan Denied.
Carranza emphatically denied that
the revolutionists had made a forced
loan on the Huasteca (Ganah), as re-
ported. Carranza admitted a loan was
made, but insisted that it was volun-
tary, and that security was given for it.

In the note, the text of which was
not made public, Carranza told Simplich
that he had issued direct orders to all
his subordinate chiefs insisting that
they refrain at all times from molest-
ing any foreigners or taking any prop-
erty without recompensing the owners.
According to Carranza, Carranza has
again started for Juarez. Whether the
American consul has made a report on
the arrests of Mexican constitutionalists
on an alleged plot against Carranza
is not known.

Consul Simplich reported that a Dr.
Berguson, an American, held prisoner
by General Gonzalez, in Sonora, is being
afforded protection, and will be per-
mitted to communicate with the nearest
American consul. No information is ob-
tainable at the State Department re-
garding the charges against Berguson.

News that the water supply of Tam-
pico had been cut off by the rebels was
received with much interest here. It
was feared that the foreigners will suffer,
as practically no fresh water is obtainable
in the city except that which is brought
in by the main aqueduct that apparently
has been cut by the rebels. A general
assault on Tampico is expected soon.

General Carranza's military depart-
ment of the west, was directed today
by Secretary of War Garrison to in-
vestigate the claims of a hurriedly
arrived Captain Salinas, his chief as-
sistant expert, and his subordinate, means
that for the first time the aeroplane
is to be used on this continent as an in-
strument of warfare.

George D. Carothers, the State De-
partment agent who accompanied Villa
to look after the interests of all foreigners,
has been asked to leave Tampico. Salinas
asserts that two officers of the Ameri-
can army aviation service may accom-
pany Villa south from Chihuahua City.
To observe the use of the aeroplane.

Because of the raid on the Teate,
California postoffice, and customs house
at El Paso, it is likely that the intel-
ligence of the border in that vicinity will be in-
creased.

Meanwhile the State Department will
send upon Governor Francisco Vasquez,
of Lower California, for the arrest and
extradition of the murderers of Presi-
dent Frank Johnson. The arrest of Vasquez
along the lower California border is
serious because of the anti-Mexican feel-
ing aroused by the fall of Major Davis
commanding the troops sent from Fort
Rosecrans, has been instructed to pre-
vent any violation of Mexican territory.

No reports confirming accounts of
fighting at various points near Monterey,
Tampico, and Tampico have been re-
ceived here today. So serious
the situation, says the dispatches,
that Gen. Francisco Villa and Gen.
Felipe Angeles, commanding the rebel
army, and their staff hastened to the
front.

The dispatches say that Gen. Eu-
genio Aguirre Benavides, with 3,500
soldiers and many cannons, was com-
pelled to fight desperately all day
yesterday to prevent the fall of Escalon.
Federal troops under Gen. Ricardo
Pena are said to have performed
brilliantly, but could not take the
rebel stronghold with its enormous
ammunition supplies. Pena retired at
nightfall, but was expected to renew
the attack today.

ALL THE CAPITAL IS WEARING GREEN FOR ERIN'S PATRON SAINT

There Is Shamrock Galore in the White House and
Throughout City Celebrations, Chief of Which
Is High Mass in St. Patrick's Church,
Attended by Papal Delegate.

Washington today pays homage to the memory of St.
Patrick, the patron of the Emerald Isle.

With all the pomp and splendor of the Roman Cath-
olic church, tribute was paid to St. Patrick at St. Patrick's
Church at 11 o'clock by solemn high mass in the presence
of Mgr. Bonzano, papal delegate to the United States. The
mass was attended by members of the Ancient Order of
Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the order. In
numerous other churches special services were held.

There was real St. Patrick Day observance in the
White House. All clerks had a small pot of real Sham-
rock on their desks, the gift of John Redmond, the Irish
leader, and on the desk of Secretary Tumulty, who rejoices
in the middle name of "Patrick," was a huge pot of the
national "flower" of Ireland.

MANY ST. PATRICK FESTIVALS.

Tonight Washington will buzz with
activity among the Irish folk. Public
and private celebrations, indulgence in
songs of Erin and folk lore of the Em-
erald Isle, with balls and dances, and ban-
quets will be the order of the night. The
Shamrock Club's annual banquet—the
thirtieth—will be held at the Metropolitan
Hotel. The Washington Lodge of
Elks will have an oyster roast at the
H street club house with a vaudeville bill
on the side. "The Pipers," a student
organization, will hold its first annual
ball at the Cairo, with Harry J. Cos-
tello, former captain of the Georgetown
football team, as "King Pauper."

St. Patrick's musical program will
be given tonight in the Rhode Island
Avenue M. E. Church, First street and
Rhode Island Avenue northwest, and
special dancing programs will be en-
joyed in Convention Hall and the Ar-
cade.

Mass Principal Event.

Of the many celebrations, the prin-
cipal was that at St. Patrick's Church
this morning. The celebrant of the mass
was the Rev. Michael J. Riordan, of
Baltimore, assisted by the Rev. James
O'Connor, of St. Augustine's, as dea-
con, the Rev. J. Leo Barley, of the
Catholic University, as subdeacon, and
the Rev. William J. Carroll, of St. Pat-
rick's, as master of ceremonies. The

sermon, an eloquent plea that the life
of St. Patrick be emulated by the pres-
ent generation, was given by the Rev.
John M. McNamara, of St. Patrick's.
Members of the Ancient Order of Hi-
bernians assembled in Carroll Hall, ad-
joining the church, at 10:30, and marched
to the church, serving as honorary
guards to the papal delegate and the
other dignitaries—who, preceded by the
altar boys and the vested choir, march-
ed from the rectory to the church. The
musical program was furnished by the
mixed choir and the sanctuary choir,
directed by Miss Clemons and R. Mills
Selby. An orchestra assisted.

Following the mass, the apostolic dele-
gate, assisted by Mgrs. Russell, Lee,
Shahan and Carroll, held a reception in
Carroll Hall. Mgr. Russell, rector of St.
Patrick's, entertained the clergymen
later at luncheon.

Tells of Saint's Life.

Tracing the steps of the patron saint,
the Rev. Father McNamara in the ser-
mon emphasized the need of patterning
after the steadfastness in his faith pre-
sented by St. Patrick. He said that prayer
and meditation was "the food, the
strength, the very life of St. Patrick."
In the year 432 Patrick, a young Irish
boy, was sent to America by his parents
to work and live for Christ. He started
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KING OF EDITOR IMPERILS CABINET

Shooting of Gaston Calmette by
Wife of French Official
Causes Crisis.

CRITICISM OF HUSBAND
LED HER FIRE, SHE SAYS

"Did Not Intend to Kill, Only to
Frighten," Says Beautiful
Woman in Cell.

PARIS, March 17.—"I trembled each
day as I opened the newspapers. My
heart bled for my husband. In the
merciless campaign being waged against
him, and any woman would have done
as I did."

With this statement today, Mme. Cal-
laux, beautiful wife of the minister of
finance, who has thrown all France in
a political turmoil by slaying Gaston
Calmette, editor of the Figaro, calmly
discussed the tragedy which may upset
a cabinet, has wrecked the ambitions
of her husband and brought her, a leader
in government social circles, to a
prison cell.

"M. Callaux is the most honest man
on earth. He could not and would not
deceive," the woman continued. "The
campaign against him has been fright-
ful, unrelenting and so unfair. I am
sorry M. Calmette is dead. I did not
intend to kill, but only to frighten him."

Paris in Turmoil.
So intense was the excitement
throughout Paris today that the spirit
of attack seemed fairly in the air.
A former Minister Augagneur, vice
president of the chamber of deputies,
was on the way to the chamber, he
was attacked by an unidentified woman.
She leaped, screaming, upon Augagneur,
striking at him wildly. The woman
was arrested, but later released.

Mme. Callaux, jailers at the St.
Lazare prison today said, was perfect-
ly calm when brought there directly
after the shooting of Calmette. Not
until the warden declared she would
have to be placed in a cell did she
lose her composure. Then she only
permitted a weak cry of horror to es-
cape her lips. She wept bitterly, but
walked steadily toward the iron doors
which swung open as she approached
the cells.

Hold Conference.
President Poincare held a lengthy con-
ference with Premier Doumergue early
today, but no decision was reached as
to the steps to be taken toward reor-
ganizing the cabinet. Callaux is
firmly determined to retire, and his
resignation is expected to be accepted
before night. Whether a reorganiza-
tion should be effected by the appoint-
ment of a successor to Callaux, or
the entire cabinet resign, was to be
determined at later conference.

Called the "French Lloyd George" be-
cause of his taxation measures, not-
ably the taxation of bonds, Callaux
has been a powerful figure in French
politics. As most Frenchmen are bond-
holders, most of the newspapers are
violently opposed to Callaux, and have
waged unrelenting campaigns against
him.

But Callaux, a trained politician, par-
liamentarian, and fighter, met every at-
tack. He has the powerful support of
Ministers Clemenceau and Combes, and
Premier Doumergue.

An Old Letter.
The specific letter published by Cal-
mette, which finally brought on the
tragedy and political upheaval, was
dated "The Senate, July 16, 1910." Cal-
laux at that time was minister of
finance in the Waldeck-Rousseau cabi-
net. He had apparently been support-
ing an income law tax, but in this let-
ter declared he had succeeded in crush-
ing the measure.

Jean Jusserot, editor of La Petite Re-
publique, and a member of the cham-
ber of deputies, today declared that the
idea of political crimes which the news-
papers insist upon is absurd.
The Paris Midday demanded the
resignation of the entire cabinet
today.

The girl is described as being five
feet four inches tall, plump, with
brown eyes and chestnut hair, and
rather dark complexion. She wore a
black dress, a black velvet hat, un-
trimmed with a black band with a
black and large black buttons, and a
white muff and fur.

Mrs. Buchanan said on Thursday
evening she had refused the girl per-
mission to accompany the young man to
an entertainment, and the girl then
said her mother would be sorry.
At the mother's request, the young
man was invited into the house, but he
remained only a short time, and the
daughter immediately ran upstairs.
The mother said the girl had been
with her when she left for school, and
believed Myrtle had thrown her clothing
out the window to some one below, after
the young man's departure the evening
before.

Mrs. Buchanan is distressed by the
disappearance of her daughter. The
girl, she said today, had never given
her any trouble. She seldom left home
in the evening, and then only to go to
moving picture theaters in the neigh-
borhood. The girl's father has been
dead six months, and since that time
the mother and daughter have been
close companions.

Justice Clabaugh's Will
Leaves All to Widow

The will of Harry M. Clabaugh, late
chief justice of the District Supreme
Court, dated March 26, 1906, which was
filed with the register of wills today,
leaves his entire estate to his wife,
Mrs. Katharine S. Clabaugh, and names
her as executrix.

The document, which was written on
a correspondence sheet of the District
Supreme Court, was witnessed by the
jurist's daughters, Misses Helen M. and
Katharine Clabaugh. It was in the
handwriting of the testator.

Death Penalty Opposition Delays Trial of Rowzee

ADJOURNMENT IS
TAKEN AS VENIRE
IS EXHAUSTED

Talesmen Dismissed on Giv-
ing Objections to Infliction of
Capital Punishment.

NEW VENIRE CALLED TO
COMPLETE JURY SELECTION

Pastor Is Called to Testify to
Marriage of Rowzee to
Grace N. Anthony.

Scruples against capital punishment
held by Washingtonians has resulted
in another adjournment in the case of
Clarence Rowzee, who is on trial be-
fore Justice Gould in Criminal Court
No. 1 on a charge of murder in the
first degree in connection with the
shooting and killing of Joseph G. Roger-
son in the latter's luncheon, 1406 New
York Avenue northwest, last November.

A total of seventy-one talesmen of
the special venire has been examined.
The required twelve not yet have been
selected.

Justice Gould summoned another ex-
tra venire of fifty talesmen for tomor-
row morning and adjourned court until
that time shortly after noon. Out of
a possible twenty challenges allowed
each side, the Government had ex-
hausted thirteen and the defense four-
teen.

Pastor Is Summoned.
Nearly fifty of the talesmen ex-
pressed themselves in opposition to
capital punishment, declaring that
conscientious scruples would not per-
mit them to render a verdict which
might send the defendant to the scaf-
fold.

Among the witnesses summoned for
the Government is the Rev. George
Bickley, of Philadelphia, who married
Rowzee and Grace Anthony on Feb-
ruary 4, 1910. He complained today
about the delay in the case, pointing
out that he was receiving only \$125
as a witness, and was paying out more
than double that amount for expenses.

Fight Over Testimony.
The court room was crowded today
and the corridors were lined with per-
sons who were denied admittance after
all seats had been taken. About a
hundred witnesses who occupied seats in
the court room today will be excluded
this afternoon.

It developed today that there will be
a legal fight in the trial as to
whether the Government's efforts to
compel Mrs. Emma Rowzee, alleged sec-
ond wife of the defendant, to testify
against him, is justified by the prosecu-
tors that she is the bigamous wife
of Rowzee and therefore is not
privileged to decline to be a Government
witness. Attorneys for Rowzee argue
that the law protects the second wife
of the first wife from testifying if
she chooses.

Mrs. Grace Anthony Rowzee, who
is claimed by the Government, is
the legal wife of the defendant, will
be one of the first witnesses, the in-
tention of the Government prosecutors
being to establish the fact that Rowzee
is a bigamist, so as to eliminate any
question about the status of wife No. 2.
Several witnesses, including Justice
Wright, have already given testimony.
It is understood that the investiga-
tion is being made for the purpose of
determining whether there is evidence
tending to show that there was any
criminal libel in connection with the
charges.

Joseph Tumulty, Secretary to the
President, will be summoned before
the grand jury in the investigation of
the charges of misconduct filed at the
White House against Justice Daniel
Thew Wright by Wade H. Cooper,
president of the United States Savings
Bank.

Assistant Prosecutor Harvey Given,
who is conducting the inquiry for the
United States Attorney's office, said
today that he was not sure when Mr.
Tumulty would be called.

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Wiley Would Admit All
To National University

Throw the doors of the proposed Na-
tional University wide open, do not
limit to students with an M. A. degree,
Dr. H. W. Wiley urged upon the House
Education Committee today.

"Edison and Faraday and other
great men of brains would be barred
by this degree requirement," he said.
"Let it be a university for all who are
capable of pursuing its courses." The
committee proposed that the institution
be called chiefly with advanced research
work.



GRACE N. ANTHONY ROWZEE,
Who is called as witness to show Government may compel testimony alleged
bigamous wife of defendant.

GIRLS BARELY SAVED
IN WELLESLEY FIRE
Four Hundred Students Have
Narrow Escapes as Dormi-
tory Burns.

WELLESLEY, Mass., March 17.—
Four hundred college girls, many of
them only partly clad, escaped from the
main dormitory and administration
building of Wellesley College when fire
broke out at 5:30 this morning and de-
stroyed the building, with a loss expected
to reach \$200,000.

The fire is believed to have started in
the chemical laboratory, on the fourth
floor. Girls on the third floor were
awakened by the smoke, and reported to
the night watchman. The fire whirled
through the halls of the long building
with great speed, and girls in the west
wing were forced to hurry from the
building in night attire.

A general alarm brought all the
Wellesley fire apparatus and fire aid
companies from Newton, but the building
was almost entirely wrapped in
flames before the firemen had their hos-
es trained on the building. It was
impossible to check the flames, and
there was time to save only a few bits
of furniture from the lower floor.

The building destroyed was the first
built by the college. It had a frontage
of 200 feet, and contained 20 dormitory
rooms, a reception hall, dining room,
phone offices for the college laboratory,
and the general college administration
offices.

Girls in the west wing of the big
building, known as College Hall, rush-
ed out partly clad, several of them badly
frightened and crying. Superintend-
ent Austin, fearing a panic, immediately
sent a call to the Wellesley police sta-
tion.

But the fire gong caused the girls in
rooms some distance from the fire to
fall into the fire drill order, and to leave
the building as though flames were not al-
ready mounting to the roof. The build-
ing was emptied in three minutes.

When the fire apparatus arrived, the
roof of the west side of the building
was already a red hot floor, and to leave
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CUTTING TREES FROM
OLD BARBER ESTATE
Workmen Making Room for
\$1,000,000 Apartment on
Historic Spot.

The clearing of oak trees from the
Barber estate at Fourteenth and Clif-
ton streets northwest, which was begun
yesterday, signals the passing of one
of Washington's oldest and most in-
teresting estates.

The tract is being cleared for Harry
Wardman, who will build Wardman
Court, the proposed \$1,000,000 apartment
house.

Considerable interest attaches to the
operation now in process. Several large
oak trees which adorn the property
are being cut down, the only survivors
of what once was a beautiful forest
overlooking the lower valley of Wash-
ington.

The old home at the crest of the
hill was built for the late A. L. Barber
in 1882. It has long been known as a
gathering place for many brilliant so-
cial entertainments.

Prior to the erection of the pictur-
esque Barber home, the tract was
known as the Stone estate. It was then
owned by the Stone family, and was
one of the most beautiful of the old
city.

An incident still recalled was the
encampment there of soldiers of the
United States army during the Civil War.
On that rise in the ground during the
Civil War.

Last year Harry Wardman purchased
the tract entire. Several civic societies
attempted to vain to urge legislation for
the purchase of the estate with a view
to converting it into a public park. It
is expected the picturesque old Barber
home, with its Norman turrets and
Gothic appointments will be razed in
about two weeks.

A feature connected with the posses-
sion of the home is announced in the private
sale on March 22 of the old furniture,
including several old pieces of imported
furnishings and rare paintings and
tapestries.

BILL DOUBLING DISTRICT TAXES IS FAVORED BY HOUSE BOARD

Congressman George Will Fight
Measure Which Bears His
Name When Measure Is
Called Up Next Monday.

Fourteen Assessors and Two
Boards of Appeal Are Pro-
vided in Bill Carrying John-
son-Prouty Amendment.

The House District Committee today
ordered a favorable report on the George
taxation bill, as redrafted by Congress-
man Prouty. The revised bill, in which
its author has now lost interest because
of the Johnson-Prouty amendment,
possesses possibilities for the doubling
of District taxes, and at a conservative
estimate will add three to four million
dollars to the burdens of Washington
taxpayers.

The bill goes on the District cal-
endar, and may be called up in the
House next Monday. Congressman
George served notice of his intention
to oppose the measure which bears his
name, because it has been amended to
provide for taxation at full value of
personal and intangible property, as
well as real estate. Originally the
George bill applied to real estate only.
Assessments are now tri-annual.

The members of the House District
Committee who voted in favor of a
report on the radically amended George
bill were Chairman Johnson and Con-
gressmen Mapes, Prouty, Cary, Clay-
pool, Thompson, Hart, and Caraway.
Those voting in opposition to the re-
port of the emasculated bill were Con-
gressmen George, Argue, Crocker, Wal-
lin, and Walters.

To Appraise Language.
The meeting of the District Com-
mittee today was held to approve the new
language of the bill as drawn by Mr.
Prouty, who was delegated to make all
other sections conform to the previ-
ously expressed intent of the commit-
tee to include personal and intangible
property in the provisions of the bill.
More than two score verbal changes
were necessary to harmonize all sec-
tions of the bill with amended section.
The new bill provides for a total of
fourteen assessors, and two boards to
whom appeals may be made.

The first board, known as the board
of equalization, will consist of five
members, including the tax assessor.
The final board of appeals will con-
sist of three members, the board to be
named by the assessor. The entire
assessment system will be under the
jurisdiction of the Commissioners, as at
present, but the amended bill does not
contemplate that the Commissioners
shall have the power to make the tax
rate.

The Johnson-Prouty plan is that Con-
gress shall name this rate, and the
contemplated as the minimum. With
full value assessment on real, personal,
and intangible property, the bill
will raise several million dollars more
than it needs for its operating expenses,
and House members who believe in the
abolishment of the half-and-half plan
will be given the argument that the
District can support itself.

Will Offer Amendment.
Congressman George said today that
when the bill comes upon the floor
he will offer an amendment for a com-
mission of five citizens to investigate
the fiscal relations between the District
and Federal governments and to de-
termine whether the half-and-half plan
is equitable.

Congressman Prouty promptly as-
serted that as a substitute for the George
provision he would offer his resolution
to have this investigation conducted
by a joint committee of the Senate
and House, and not by citizens.

Chairman Johnson observed that Con-
gress heretofore has never taken the
advice of any of these investigating
commissions, but Mr. Prouty and Mr.
George said they would endeavor to
settle the half-and-half controversy by
such means.

1,000 "Loan Shark" Cases
To Go to Special Jury

Prosecution of the 1,000 or more "loan
shark" cases, which the Corporation
Commissioner's office has prepared against
loan companies and individuals, ac-
cused of obtaining more than the legal
rate of interest on money loaned, will
begin in the Police Court Thursday
before a special jury.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.
Met at noon.
Investigation of cost of living for war-
renners in the District is probable.
Senator Kern gets letter from President
in favor of State primary legislation.
Surfrage further considered in Senate
today.

Senator McCumber talks on Federal
grain inspection.
Hearing before public buildings sub-
committee on purchase of Jefferson
home at Mantelico.